

IN THE CLAIMS ADD:

32. The method of receiving and placing an order on the Internet to a selected store of a chain of stores, according to claim 2, wherein step (i) comprises uploading from the computer system of the selected store via at least one of the: The Internet, and direct modem-to-modem connection via the PSTN.

REMARKS

The application has been amended to respond to the Examiner's objection to one of the claims so as to place the application, as a whole, into a *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and passage to allowance of the present Application and claims is respectfully requested.

Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of any new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing amendments. Specifically, Applicants' Claim 9, which depends from Claim 2 which, in turn, depends from Claim 1, has been rewritten merely to remove the objection based upon purported improper dependent form. New Claim 32 has been added which contains the subject matter deleted from Claim 9 and written in separate dependent form.

Claim 9 has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The Examiner has further specifically stated that Claim 9 refers to step (g) which is asserted not to be part of Claim 2 from which it depends. Applicants respectfully point out that Claim 1 specifically claims step (g) while Claim 2 specifically claims step (i). Applicants respectfully state that the Examiner's basis of objection is not completely understood inasmuch as the general objection based on 37 CFR 1.75(c) appears inconsistent with the recited specific basis for objection.

Applicants note that Claim 9 describes the steps of (g) and (i) which each relate to communication between the computer associated with the Internet web site and the computer